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Please, Not 'Tri-Stake Center' Urges Prominent LDS Leader

W. Glenn Harmon, first counselor in the Northern California Mission, and former president of the Berkeley Stake, is proposing a new name for the nearly-completed tabernacle on Temple Hill in East Oakland. The center is being called "Tri-Stake Center" at present, more or less by default, or for want of an established name. President Harmon, pointing out that the popularly-used name is neither accurate nor euphoneous, proposes that it be called "The Oakland Tabernacle." The Messenger will be pleased to receive, and publish, any further comments on this important matter.

Editor, Messenger:

As one who has had a small part from the very beginning in the dream of a central gathering place adequate to the needs of all East Bay Stakes, perhaps I may be pardoned for expressing concern over the adoption of a suitable name for the new edifice on Temple Hill which fulfills that dream.

I find myself repressing an involuntary shudder every time I hear it referred to as the "Tri-Stake Center." The name is not euphoneous; it is hyphenated, awkward and inaccurate. Worse still, if it does not conjure up in the minds of the unitiniated visions of an eating establishment where "steaks" of the sirloin and New York variety are broiled to taste, it is likely to make them think of it as headquarters for an athletic or racing association or perhaps a bingo club where "stakes" of a less-than-spiritual nature are the principal bill of fare.

The word "stake" as used in the Church is both ancient and honorable, but in the world surrounding us it requires constant explanation because our application of the word is so unusual. How often has a member of the Church been forced patiently (sometimes impatiently) to explain to the unknowing that a "Stake House" is neither a glorified hamburger stand nor a place where parimutuel bets may be wagered!

"Tri-Stake Center" is not even accurate except in a most temporary sense. The building was originally conceived in the days when there was only one stake in the area it will serve. Two stakes then came into the picture and spent long years in arduous planning and money raising, culminating in the selection of the site and grading of the ground ready for the building; this period could both literally and figuratively be denominated the period of actual spade work.

It is just happenstance that the erection of the building itself has occurred in the days of three stakes. It is not a tri-stake building, however, but a multi-stake building; and tomorrow will scarcely have arrived before many more than three stakes enjoy it. It was planned from the beginning for that purpose.

Recognizing this, the joint committee of the two stakes which began actual construction, acting under the immediate direction of President Stephen L. Richards, gave the project a tentative name —tentative only—"Inter-Stake Center." This name is at least accurate, though a bit lengthy and awkward. It was not formally and finally adopted but has to serve pending further consideration.

The time is ripe for that consideration.

The building is a dual purpose building; it will handle meetings of a strictly religious nature, and also of a social and recreational nature. Why not, then, a dual name? Or better still, since it is actually two buildings in one, each with its own separate main entrance, why not a separate name for each, descriptive of the purpose of each?

What objection is there to calling the beautiful auditorium "The Oakland Tabernacle." It is as much a tabernacle for the area it serves as is the Salt Lake Tabernacle for the area served by it—or for that matter, the St. George Tabernacle, the Provo Tabernacle, the Ogden Tabernacle, the Bountiful Tabernacle, and many others. The name is distinctive, dignified, descriptive, short and euphoneous, and of long use in the Church. No one could mistake its meaning; and by calling it the "Oakland Tabernacle" its location is instantly spotted—just as are the Salt Lake and the Ogden Tabernacles, both of which serve large areas.

As for the other part of the building, is there any better name to be placed over its separate main entrance than one which embodies the purpose for which it was conceived over twenty years ago? Why not call it "L.D.S. Youth Center?" Here again is a name which is euphoneous, short, distinctive and descriptive, easy to say, easy to remember. It is a name which accurately embraces the vision of the original planners—a social and recreational gathering place in a spiritual environment for both the young-in-years and the young-in-heart.

Respectfully,
W. GLENN HARMON

Dale E. Roe Leaves Messenger

All Messenger editorial copy, including ward reports, in the future should be sent directly to the editor at 762 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito.

This announcement is occasioned by the resignation of Dale E. Roe, associate editor, who has resigned as editor of ward reports because of new and heavy Church duties. Elder Roe, who has held many exacting Church offices, has been a valuable member of the Messenger staff for years.

Size of the paper was curtailed this month because of the holiday, and some reports, delayed in the Christmas mail, were too late to be included. But the Messenger will be back at full size next month with full representation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL WARD AND STAKE REPORTERS AND TO OUR NEARLY 50,000 READERS!

A 200-VOICE San Francisco Stake Choir is shown as they sang in the City of San Francisco's Union Square the concluding night of the annual Christmas Week Festival. The choir was under the direction of Sister Jean Lauper with Bonnie Lauper at the piano. The Festival, featuring choirs from San Francisco's churches and schools, started December 16 and concluded December 23.

—Photo from I. G. Derrick

Book of Mormon Talks Offered In Walnut Creek

The Walnut Creek Stake Mission will hold a second special meeting on the theme, "The Book of Mormon, America's New Witness for Christ." It will be conducted Sunday, February 8, at 2 p.m. in the Walnut Creek Ward Chapel, situated on Overlook Drive in Walnut Creek.

The meeting is designed primarily for those who are investigating the gospel rather than members of the Church. However, members are invited—in fact, encouraged—to attend, provided they pay the price of admission. The "price" is to bring one or more non-members.

Two talks will be given. One, by Thomas S. Ferguson, attorney, author and archaeologist, will concern archaeological evidences pertaining to the Book of Mormon. The other, by Keith N. McCune, first counselor in the Walnut Creek Stake Mission Presidency, will be

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Big West Bay Development . . .

Recreation Area Committees Set

By Samuel W. Taylor

Committees have been organized for development of the newly-acquired recreational area which has been purchased for the use of three West Bay stakes, and a meeting is scheduled at which a program will be presented, stated H. Taylor Peery of Palo Alto Ward, who has been appointed chairman of the Executive Committee.

The executive committee consists of one member from each of the three stakes who are purchasing the 550-acre tract in the Santa Cruz mountains for recreational purposes. Bernett Hendryx is the San Mateo stake member, with William Siddoway representing San Jose stake.

Under the Executive Committee is the Advisory Board to make plans, the General Management Committee to carry them out, and the Financial Committee to handle the money.

Colonel Floyd Goates is chairman of the general management committee, with Blaine Huntsman of Palo Alto stake and Lewis Osterloh of San Mateo stake the other two members. This committee will take charge of carrying out whatever plans are approved by the executive committee.

The advisory board, which will lay out the trails, parking areas, picnic grounds and various facilities, while preserving the natural beauty of the woods and hills, is composed of Calvin Jones, a civil engineer, Don B nion, an attorney and two other specialists, an architect and a naturalist. The names of the latter two have not yet been approved.

The financial committee is chairmaned by Needham Lambert of Palo Alto stake, with Wesley Burrows of San Jose Stake and William Stanford Durrant of San Mateo stake the other members

In early January these committees are to meet with representatives of youth groups, Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society organizations from the three stakes for formation of a development program.

It is planned to have the area available for use next summer. However, in San Mateo stake the use of Camp Liahona by the YW-MIA will be continued at least one more year.

Four Stakes Realize $12,000 From Cinerama Show Project

Four Bay Area stakes realized more than $12,000 in cash toward their building projects and untold profit in renewed friendships and entertainment value at the new Cinerama, "South Seas Adventure" in San Francisco.

It was a joint venture for Walnut Creek, Hayward, San Francisco and Oakland-Berkeley stakes and proved successful from all points of view. Tickets sold for $10 each and since the Orpheum Theater on Market Street holds some 2000 patrons, this left a big margin of cash after the tickets, from $1.75 to $2.65, were paid for.

Eugene Hilton, Oakland-Berkeley Stake high councilman, was chairman of the committee in charge.

One big surprise was the personal appearance of Ramine, exotically beautiful Tahitian actress and dancer, known as the champion hula dancer of the islands, who has a featured part in the picture. She was greeted by Tom Stone, son of President and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone, and a former missionary in the South Seas. Tom had known Ramine and her family well and the two discussed old times in Tahiti and Ramine's career in an impromptu interview before the show started. Tom is now president of the Brigham Young University student body and president of the Western Association of Student-body Presidents.

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One of the big values of the evening was the Auld Lang Syne aspect. Church members who hadn't seen each other since the days when there was only San Francisco

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Dean Bolles and Sonja Alexander.

Dean Bolles To Wed Olympia Girl

Dean Bolles arrived home for the holidays a free man, from the Army, bringing with him the announcement of his engagement to Miss Sonja Alexander who was his parents' houseguest for ten days.

Daughter of Brother and Sister Parley O. Alexander, Sonja is a native of Washington and attends church and school in Olympia. While stationed at Fort Lewis, Dean, who was a sergeant at the time of his discharge, met his fiancee when attending the LDS ward in Olympia.

Well known in Hayward stake, Dean graduated from Hayward high school and attended San Jose State College and later B.Y.U. He will register for the spring semester at the "Y" where he will continue his studies as a business administration major. The young couple have set no date for their wedding.

The groom-to-be's parents are the popular Elder and Mrs. Rex Bolles of Castro Valley ward and Hayward stake.

WILLIAM MOODY, OLD TIMER, VISITS

William A. Moody, 87, of Salt Lake City, formerly of the Bay area, visited old friends in Berkeley and Oakland Friday, December 26 where he resided for a number of years, raised a family and buried two wives.

Elder Moody lost his fourth wife recently when she was suddenly stricken as they prepared in the temple for a morning session in mid-December.

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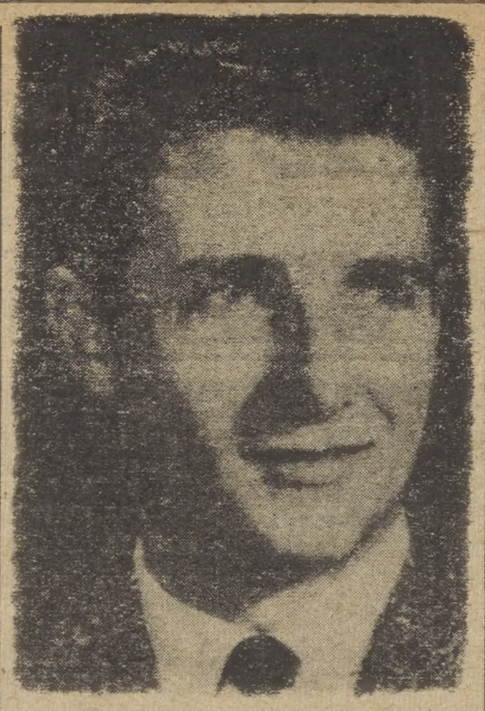

ELDER JOHN RULON DOXEY JR. of Oakland Ward was honored at a farewell testimonial December 28 in the new Oakland Ward Chapel on Temple Hill, prior to his departure for the Central Atlantic States Mission. President O. Leslie Stone was the principal speaker, and remarks were made by Bishop John M. Hughes and J. Rulon Doxey, Sr. Vocal solos were given by Donna Carter, Estherella Olszowka and Donna Weir, accompanied by Margaret Collins. Ronald Doxey played a trumpet solo. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rulon Doxey of 1075 Clarendon Crescent, Oakland. He is a graduate of Oakland High School and has studied two years at Brigham Young University.

Localites Join Amana Food Plan

Wally Norton of the Hayward area and Bob Farmer of the San Francisco and Marin County areas together with E E. Milliron of San Lorenzo report interesting progress locally in their labors for the nation-wide Amana Food Plan for Better Living as it is called.

More than 8000 families in the nine bay area counties are now using the Amana freezer plan of saving by monthly bulk budget buying, explained Wally Norton. Packages of top quality meats, vegetables and fruits and fruit juices are supplied to the homes of the members of the Amana Plan.

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Hector Facciola of Daly City is president and manager of the nine Bay Area counties for the Amana Plan for Better Living. This old firm adheres strictly to the code of ethics as outlined by the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco, added Mr. Norton.

Moreover, he said, a graduate home economist has a department designed to help in introducing new families to the Amana Plan for Better Living by showing possible savings from this present food budget. Her services are available to all members.

Oakland Second

Yvonne Seidl Valedictorian

Yvonne Seidl, brillant daughter of Beatrice and the late Henry Seidl, has been named valedictorian at the Castlemont High School. Yvonne, a gifted writer who was editor-in-chief of the Castlemont School paper, "Ye Castle Crier," is a member of Oakland Second Ward.

Born Sept. 11, 1941, at the East Oakland Hospital, Yvonne was advanced half a term when she was in the third grade at the Toler Heights School. She was valedictorian of her class at Elmhurst Junior High and at the age of 14 entered Castlemont, where she excelled in swimming. As a Red Cross swimming instructor, she taught swimming to youngsters in the summers.

She was elected as representative of the Knights of the Round Table at School, serving in that office as well as that of editor.

She will be presented as valedictorian Jan. 29 at graduation exercises for her class. She intends to work for awhile, then will attend Oakland Junior College or Brigham Young University.

In Oakland Second Ward she is Instructor Director in the Sunday School.

Here is one of her latest poems:

O, courageous one of old
May I be so very bold
As to ask your helping hand
To guide me through this promised land
Along the straight and narrow road
I might need help to bear my load.
This I ask thee wise old one
Until the time when day is done
And when the sun sets in the West
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Yvonne Seidl

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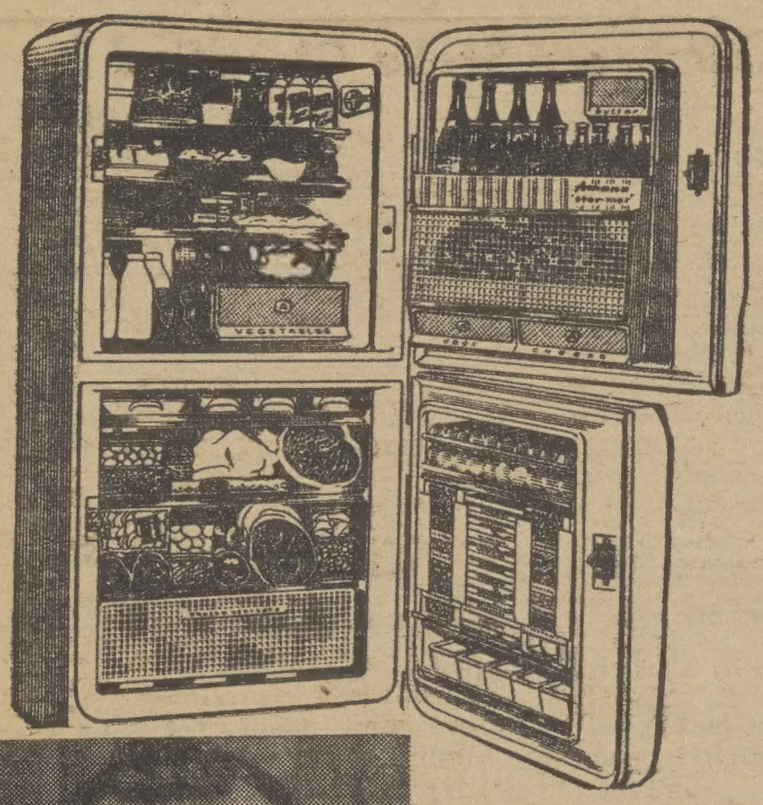

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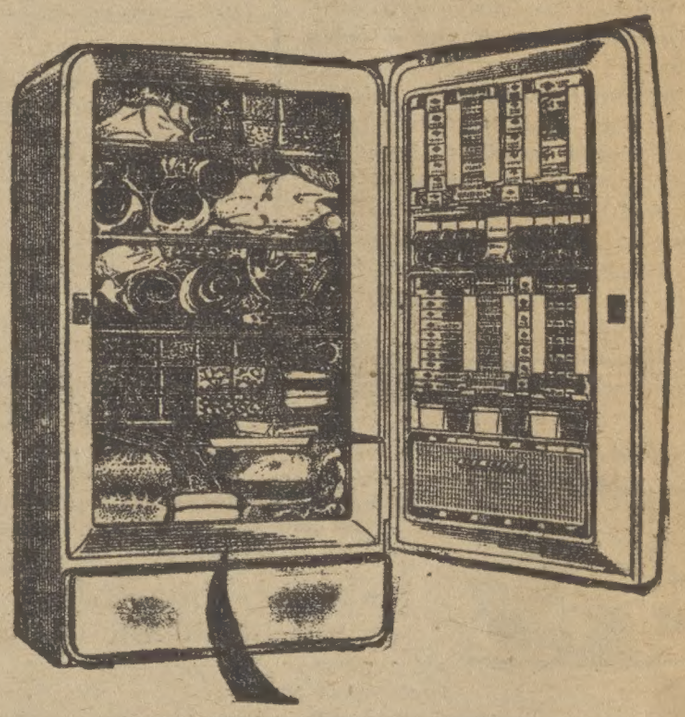

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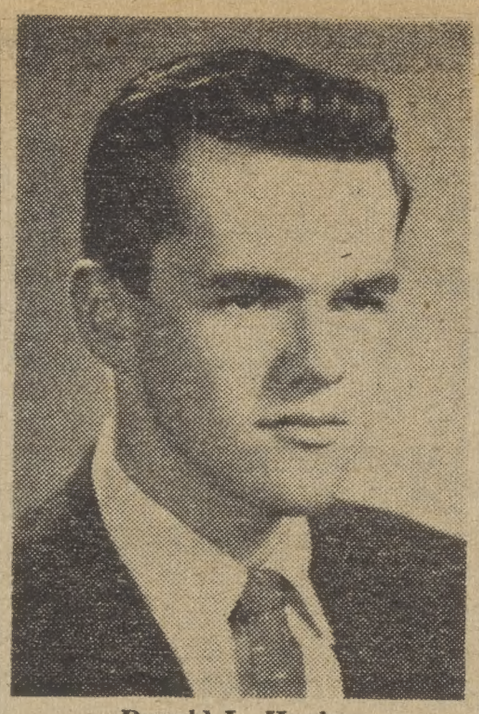
French Mission For Don Hughes

Donald L. Hughes, son of Donald W. and Meda Hughes, is scheduled to leave for the French mission on Jan 12. He will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City Jan 5.

A farewell testimonial was given in his behalf Dec. 28 with a reception following. Principal speaker on the program was Oscar Fontano, remarks were by a member of the stake presidency, Don W. Hughes, and Bishop Nicolaysen. Emmy Stam sang a solo and Dick and Joan Stam sang a duet.

Don has always been a faithful and active member of Alameda Ward and has filled such positions as Sunday School Counselor, advisor to the Priest Quorum under 21, and MIA offices. He was graduated from Alameda High School in June 1956 with high scholastic standing, attended University of California one year, and has since been attending Brigham Young University. Upon the completion of his mission he will continue studies at B Y U.



Donald L. Hughes

IT WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION Nov. 27 for Sister Myrtle Swenson of Oakland First Ward, third from left, front row, when her family gathered with her for a reunion the first time they had all been together for 29 years, since October 1929. Absolem Moroni Hall and Myrtle Jane Rawson resided in Taber, Alberta, Canada, following their marriage and after his death in 1930 she reared the 10 children that were home, the eldest daughter having married and resided to Utah. She moved to San Francisco in 1946, where she married Brother Nelpher Swenson; then in 1956 they moved to Oakland. The nine daughters and two sons also celebrated their mother's birthday Dec. 7. Shown here, from left, back row—Larine Kerkoff, Taber; Joyce Talbot, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Linda Bullock, Mountain View; Ruth Otto, Warner, Alberta, Canada; Mary Zeddell, Edson, Alberta, Canada; Doris McAndrews, Vauxhall, Alberta, Canada, and Elra Shoen, Warner, Alberta, Canada; front row—Norma Alexander, Oakland; Uriel Abb Hall, Glendora, Calif.; Sister Swenson; David Rawson Hall, Warner, Alberta, Canada, and Mae Cook, El Cerrito.

W. C. Member Blast Victim, Wins $121,000

Albert E. O'nion, member of the Walnut Creek Ward, who was converted to the Church about two years ago, has won a $121,000 court settlement as the result of an explosion in Danville last year.

It is the largest award ever received by a member of the Church in this area.

Settlement of the case was announced as a jury resumed trial for the fifth day before Superior Judge Thomas F. Fraga, of Contra Costa County. Brother O'nion was represented by Thomas S. Ferguson, Oakland attorney who resides in the Orinda area and who is widely known for his archaeological discoveries. His new book, "One Fold and One Shepherd," has just been published.

The judgement also included $13,000 for Edward Ulrich, Danville, who also was injured in the explosion in the building he and Brother O'nion occupied at 165 W. Prospect Ave. Oct. 9, 1957.

The suits, originally asking for a total of $525,000, charged that the Vincent Rodrigues Construction Co. of San Leandro, broke a gas main while engaged in a sewer project, and that PG&E failed to make repairs. Gas therefore seeped under the building, leading to the explosion, it was asserted in the complaint.

Both men suffered burns and O'nion sustained damage to the cornea of his left eye and some impairment to his hearing.

Conference Marks Twenty-First Anniversary of Hayward Ward

By Oral Grow

Hayward ward's conference, in December, marked the twenty-first anniversary of the ward. Thys Winkel of the Hayward Stake Presidency conducted the conference, theme of which was "Be Not Deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Orville Ostler of the High Council, in the Leadership meeting, said "We must set examples for our children as others before us have done." Sister Elsie Lyon's inspiring remarks included: "We must love one another, help one another to come to an understanding of the principles of the Gospel so that we can live them."

Rex Pinegar, MIA Superintendent urged members to be sowers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Eva Newton, ward chorister, reminded us of the great influence the gospel has in our lives.

"Praise Ye the Lord," the combined Arts Festival of the MIA was presented December 16. Our young people and their leaders worked diligently and prayerfully to give us this inspirational and beautiful program by music, drama, speech and dance.

Bishop McClellan will be at the church for tithing settlement, December 28, January 4; and at home Jan. 3. Tithing books will be closed January 6. All members are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to see that records are in order.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE: Soon the old year shall pass into history and the New Year will be with us. With it goes into history the record of one year's time and what we have done with it. Fearing that perhaps the old record is not good enough, most of us will solemnly resolve to do better in the new year . This upward reach is good, and to follow its promptings will bear us heaven-ward.

We send to each of you our sincere wish for a joyful holiday season. May our Father's blessings be with you throughout the coming year, ever guiding your upward reach, bringing you protection from all that would destroy, and leaving you His peace, that you might have joy from day to day.

May the power of the Gospel be evidenced in our behalf, so that at the close of the new year we may look back and find to our delight that a respectable advancement is ours in the worthwhile matters of this life.

Do not lose heart; the Lord is with his work. He will not forsake it. It will eventually triumph over all opposition. It will eventually lead men to the ways of peace, and they who remain faithful and true in the Kingdom will have that surpassing joy which we wish for all this Christmas time.

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Hayward Ward Bishopric

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We have every reason to believe that this activity will be permanent. Salaries will depend upon the individual and his qualifications. However, they should be competitive with other industrial research and development.

Anyone interested in this opportunity should submit their professional qualifications and statement of the extent of their interest immediately to Dr. Vaughn E. Hansen, Director, Engineering Experiment Station, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

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Livermore Ward

Sowing Seeds One Topic At Ward Meeting

By Virginia Badger

The Livermore Ward Conference, November 30, had as its theme "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." (Galations 6:7).

At the priesthood session Horace McFarlane spoke on sowing seeds of good or evil; J. Newell Christensen on Paul and his works; and President Milton P. Ream on our responsibility as a Church member.

The afternoon meeting of the ward officers and teachers included inspirational testimonies by the heads of each auxiliary.

The evening meeting was conducted by Bishop Gardner with President Milton P. Ream presiding. The change in the Bishopric was announced. David Cummings, first counselor and John B. Cahoon Jr., statistical clerk, were released with gratitude for their work. Max Parker was appointed first counselor, Keith Reid, second counselor, and Robert Allen, statistical clerk. Calvin Allen Owen Jr., ten years old, sang a vocal solo, "I am a Child of God."

A ward social preceding the ward conference was held in the all-purpose room of the Junction Avenue School. Games organized by the Sunday School began the fun. Steven Wardell totaled up the most points and won a bag of marshmallows. Entertainment was provided by various organizations. The Primary program included a piano solo by Linda Cahoon, a dance by Debbie Hickenlooper and Lori Parker, a reading by Robert Ruff, and a song by the whole group. The boys of Mutual put on two humorous skits.

The Bishopric skit simulated a symphonic orchestra led by Max Parker. The Relief Society under the direction of Lorraine Simons, put on a play within a play from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Nights' Dream." The evening was climaxed with the serving of hot cider and cookies by the Relief Society.

Ladies of the Relief Society enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at the home of Sister Leona Webb, December 16. Officers and teachers were in charge of the food and decorations. A small Christmas tree was decorated with tiny packages of pretty handkerchiefs which the ladies exchanged. The program included Christmas music and a demonstration by Sister Webb of decorations that children can make.

Twenty-five young people of Mutual held a Christmas Social December 23. Christmas caroling at the Veteran's Hospital was followed by dancing to records at the church property.

The Mutual put on its Christmas Program December 16 at the church property. The agenda included a Christmas story by Max Parker, a vocal quartet by Robert and R. Lou Allen, Cleone Parker, and Andrew Gardner who sang, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," a piano duet by Kayleen and Keith Gardner, a vocal duet by Earlene Clement and Winnie Wilson, and a poem entitled "No Room," by Carolyn E. Miner read by Luther McLaughlin.

The Primary held its Christmas party for all children under 12 at the Recreation Center, December 15. The Christmas tree, and Santa Claus who passed out little socks to each child, were the centers of attraction. The program included an electric guitar solo by Margaret Murphy. Refreshments were served.

Officers and teachers of Primary and their spouses enjoyed a Christ-

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Pleasant Hill Ward

Goals To Be Many In Coming Year Reminds Bishop Von R. Neilson

By Dora Friedrich

"It's here once again. . . a bright shining new year. . . to bring hope to our hearts and to lessen our fear. . . if we use our own strength and ask the Lord to inspire . . . our accomplishments will be many. . . everything we desire. . . Yes, the next twelve months will be ones of great pride. . . if we go about our tasks with Him always at our side."

This message from Bishop Von R. Nielsen to the Pleasant Hill Ward family should make the goals we are striving for just a little bit easier to reach, if we take heed.

And the goals will be many during 1959, Bishop Nielsen says. Our Ward will be asked to finish one building fund, start a new one for the Pleasant Hill Ward Chapel. Should this seem like a big task, the Bishop urges that we reread the stories of Pioneer days, and the tasks which became realizations of dreams as they built their kingdoms. By working together, we too can increase our kingdom in stature and in spirituality.

It won't all be work next year, Bishop Nielsen says. Plans are being made at the present time to organize a committee for really outstanding Ward parties . . . full of fun for all—many of them.

THREE FINE FELLAS— members of the Walnut Creek Stake Mission Presidency—Robert Chalmers, Keith McCune and Hubert Henderson, all from Pleasant Hill, will be honored with their wives at the Ward party which has been dated for Jan. -16. . . they, and others who work with them in the Stake Mission Field, are deserving of all accolades.

January will be a quiet month for the Relief Society , as members prepare for two major events —the first dated for February, the annual luncheon for visiting teachers, and in March, the always festive Relief Society birthday celebration.

And, although it was somewhat of a "spur of the moment" affair, the Dec. 10 Christmas party was a big success, Mildred Krumperman, Relief Society president says. Charlotte Madsen was in charge of the luncheon; Ramona Price arranged the program.

Everybody was searching for soap—everyone of Primary age, that is. Nellie Allred and her counselors heard of the need for soap at Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. . . they passed the word along to the Primary youngsters. . and therein lies the tale of the great gathering of soap by Pleasant Hill Ward Primary classes. . . sent as a Christmas present to the Hospital.

NEARLY 150 High Priests and their wives enjoyed fund-raising dinner on Dec. 6—all seven courses of it.

Dewey Williams proved to be an outstanding cateress for the event, with the capable assistance of Dorothy Matthews . . Proceeds will be used to help purchase MIA basketball uniforms.

It's an eventful month for Rod Davis and his Peggy, what with a brand new grandson. The baby, born Dec 4, is the son of Jim and Jane Davis, and has been named Daniel Roderick.

Then too, Rod has a new job—that as secretary of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood replacing Don Carroll. Don is now serving as a counselor in the Elders' Quorum Presidency with President Paul Porter; Martin Allred, counselor, and Bob Pedersen, who remains as secretary.

Our condolences to Sister Alma Brown and her family in the passing of Charles Brown, who passed away Dec. 10 at the age of 47.

WARD WANDERINGS. . . Mary Lou and Keith McCune recently bade farewell to Mary Lou's mother, Mrs. Mary Knell of Salt Lake City, who visited them here for about five weeks. . . the McCunes are expecting another girl in February to share the companionship of daughters Darcy, Sally, Shannon and Midge, but they admit it will be all right with them if it is a boy. Mary Lou was recently honored at a "pink and blue shower at the home of Mrs. Henry Boze.

CINERAMA VIEWERS gathered at the home of Bill and Dorothy Matthews for a pre-show buffet dinner. . about 12 couples shared their hospitality. That same week, the Matthews again spread the welcome mat as, with the assistance of co-hostesses Metta Nielsen and Alice Curtis ,they entertained about 60 party-goers for hors d'oeuvres preceding the all-stake "Autumn Frolic". . a few of their guests returned for after-the-ball-was-over turkey and trimmings.

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CHORISTERS ARE TRAINED in new Walnut Creek Stake project. From left, front row—Jackie Shore, Jeanne Thomas, Sandra Snow, Janice Thomas and Lucinda Green; second row—Joyce Hurley, Connie Disney, Kathy Kuilhaug and Vicki Jamison; third row—Superintendent William Linford, Louise Disney, Jackie Cornelius, and guest instructor Harry Oakes. The conductor is Jean Paquette, Stake Sunday chorister.

Walnut Creek Stake

Young Choristers Are Trained In New Instruction Program

Recognizing the need for more music directors, members of the Walnut Creek Stake Superintendency took action to fill that need. They started an instructional program for choristers and report that "we are very pleased with the outcome of this first venture."

Plans are under way for another such class to be held during February and March, said William O. Lindford, superintendent, and D. John McKinnon and Reuel Brown

"It is our aim to prepare and make available more music help for Junior Sunday School, Primary, Priesthood groups and also to work the present young choristers into service in the Senior Sunday School, MIA and other ward activities," said President Linford.

An assignment of one musical selection each meeting, with the help of the present chorister gives them experience without the responsibility for the entire music of one meeting.

The class was held for two months. Ward choristers were guest instructors for a part of each class period, sharing their techniques as well as enthusiasm and gospel testimonies

The program was completed successfully by the Concord, Concord Second and Pittsburg Wards, with 16 attending regularly, and eight part-time .The third Sunday of each month the class was held in connection with Stake Sunday School Preparation meeting, bringing the music department attendance from about 10 to 35. The second class will be for the remainder of the stake.

Sister Jean Paquette, stake Sunday School board member in charge of music, was instructor; Harry Oakes, Pittsburg Ward, and Sister Jean Last, Concord Second, were guest instructors, and Sister Wilma Lee and Mildred Hicken, Concord Ward, represented the Junior Sunday School and Primary.

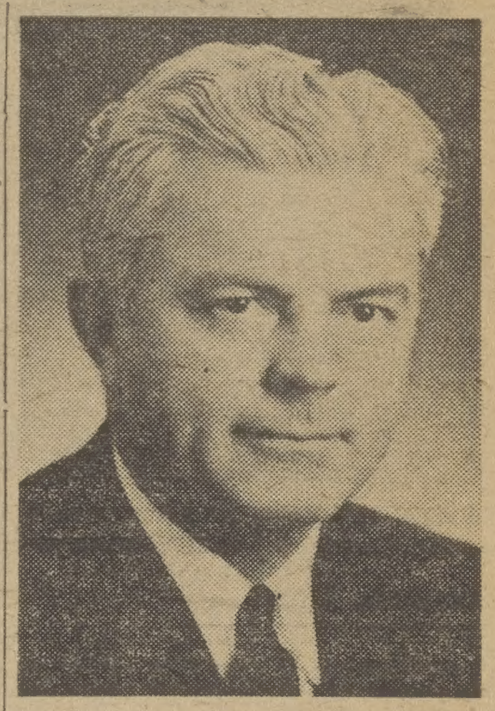
"We think it would be advantageous to have a similar class on a ward basis similar to the present teacher-training class," said President Linford.

UCP Honors C. Elmo Smith With High National Office

By Gladys Lemmon

The United Cerebral Palsy association has announced the appointment of C. Elmo Smith as vice president of the national organization. Brother Smith, a prominent and active church leader and member of San Mateo Second Ward, has held many offices in the UCP on the national and state level —in 1955 he was president of the UCP of Northern California and in 1954 was president of the UCP of Peninsula Cities.

In an interview Brother Smith mentioned that more than 500,000 people in the United States are affected by this organization, that all offices are on a voluntary basis, that the president of the UCP is Roger Firestone of Firestone Rubber, and the chairman of the board is Leonard Goldenson, president of the American Broadcasting Corporation and Paramount Pictures.



C. Elmo Smith

Elmo, is he is affectionately known to church members, has long been recognized as a "Mormon minute-man" by other UCP members with whom he serves. A typical example of his influence for good by being an exemplary member of the Church is shown in the following incident: "All UCP meetings are opened with prayer," Elmo stated, "and many times I have officiated in that capacity. In fact at our annual dinner meeting in Washington D.C. in November, a Jewish Rabbi had been asked to open with prayer, but when it was time to begin, he had not arrived as yet. One of the members immediately spoke up saying, 'I know Elmo Smith and he's a Mormon. Mormons can do anything. He can pray.' Merrill Boyack, president of Seattle Stake, is also a nationally known "Mormon" in UCP. Often when meetings get to a critical point where they feel a need for a special religious aspect or atmosphere, they call upon Merrill or myself to fill that particular need."

Elmo is manager of the Canada Life Insurance Company in Oakland. Since he and his wife, Florence, and three children, Roger, Carolee and Lanie will be moving to the East Bay the first part of the year, Elmo was released as second counselor to Bishop Worth Daniels of San Mateo Ward in September. Elmo has served in this capacity since the formation of the

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FOUR STAKES SHARE

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Stake, talked in the lobby and in the aisles during intermission.

One man approached Roy Clovis of Berkeley Second Ward before the show opened and said: "You don't remember me, but I remember you from way back in 1914 when you used to sing in Park City. You look just the same." The man was Harry Wilson, whom Elder Clovis had known back in their days in Utah together. It turned out that they belonged to the same stake, since Brother Wilson is now a member of Richmond Ward.

Brief talks and the prayers were gien by President Serge J. Lauper of San Francisco Stake; President Norman B. Creer, Walnut Creek Stake, and President Milton Ream, Hayward Stake.

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San Mateo Stake

Station Racks For LDS Tracts Prove Popular

A project to place racks of LDS missionary tracts in bus and railroad stations on the Peninsula has been initiated by the 458th Quorum of Seventy, San Mateo stake.

Although the plan has been under way only a few weeks, already the racks have been placed in three bus stations, and negotiations are under way for several other locations, reports LeRoy Tripp of San Bruno ward, who is handling placement and servicing of the racks.

The tracts are proving extremely popular, Tripp states. An airline pilot, he reports that each time he returns from a trip, the racks are empty and in need of refilling.

The racks, secured through Church headquarters, are small and compact, made of wire, and can be tucked into a small space. However, they will hold 150 tracts. They are kept stocked with fifteen titles, and each tract is stamped with the address of the stake mission presidency.

The project is under the supervision of Charles G. Rowell of the Quorum presidency.

Palo Alto Stake

Mountain View Library Given L.D.S. Books

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Public Library of Mountain View now has on its shelves approximately 200 new books relating chiefly to Latter-day Saint doctrines, principles, and traditions. Presentation of the volumes was made by Bishop Gerald W. Sharp of the Los Altos Ward to Mrs. Edith Duke, librarian of the Mountain View Library. The books augment the library's publications on religious and semi-religious subjects.

Besides the books already given, valued at $380, the donor has provided funds to the library's credit for additional similar literature up to a total valuation of $500. The funds were made available by Palo Alto Stake President David B. Haight who represents the anonymous donor.

The books are of varied character, including college texts on Utah, stories of Mormon pioneers and Indians of the West, the Book of Mormon and other basic Latter-Day Saint literature, song books, stories for children, and numerous other publications some of which were written by non-Mormons. The list was previously approved by Church authorities in Salt Lake City. The 200 books contain only a few duplicate copies, indicating a wide scope.

Purpose of the donation is to supplant hear-say and other inaccurate information concerning Latter-day Saints with well-established authentic facts and to make such dependable information readily available to the public. The Palo Alto Library previously received a donation of similar books and the Palo Alto Stake will offer such books as soon as they are available and arrangements can be made. This activity is in furtherance of LDS sponsorship of education and intellectual development.

PRESENTATION of Latter-day Saint literature, furnished by an ananymous doner, to the Mountain View Public Library, is pictured here. Bishop Gerald W. Sharp of the Los Altos Ward made the presentation to Mrs. Edith Duke, librarian. —Photo by Robert Hopkins

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Palo Alto-Reared LDS Composer, Achieves New Musical Triumph

A Palo Alto-reared Mormon musical genius recently for the second time has won Church-wide acclaim for a major musical Mormon-story production. The new composition by Crawford Gates was produced for the first time during the MIA Conference in Salt Lake City last June and reproduced in practically all wards of the Church by MIA talent in November.

At the age of 25 Elder Gates wrote under special commission for the Church's 1947 centennial celebration, the musical triumph concerning the founding of Utah by Mormon pioneers, the powerful, "The Promised Land." This was produced in the University of Utah Stadium.

Called in 1952 to the music department of Brigham Young University, Elder Gates has continued to make notable musical contributions climaxing now in the MIA festival feature, "Praise Ye the Lord."

Written both script and music by Crawford Gates, "Praise Ye the Lord" is a composition which joins music, speech and drama features drawing its episodes from Biblical and Last Dispensations sources. The recited parts are effectively done by a narrator, a voice choir and off-stage voice of Deity and angels.

The spoken words are knit together musically by powerful emotional numbers rendered by well-trained choirs, vocal solos and unusual instrumental numbers on horns, cymbals and harps, as well as on the organ and piano.

One story, never before heard among the Saints achieved great emotional appeal. It is the true story of a young English girl's instantaneous conversion on hearing the Mormon hymn, "Oh, My Father," and the heart-touching farewell between this girl, Emma Forsburg, and her beloved but unbelieving parents as she boards the ship at Liverpool on her way to join the despised Mormons on the far American frontier.

The composition, "Praise Ye the Lord" will be presented as a stake project by the San Francisco Stake Jan. 17, 1959 in their stake house, and by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake

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Los Altos Ward

Santa's Country Store Yields Profit For The Relief Society

By Dallas S. Burch

By combining a bazaar and Christmas program, the ladies of the Los Altos Ward Relief Society made a net profit of over $350 and also enjoyed a tasty luncheon and excellent entertainment. The event, December 9, had a holiday atmosphere. It featured Santa's Country Store, A North Pole Restaurant, a live Santa Claus, an amusing skit, and Christmas music— all planned and carried out by local talent.

Setting was the Recreation Hall of the Los Altos chapel. Various booths of the "country store" offered donated baked goods, candy, toys, clothing, Christmas gifts and decorations, sundry other articles, and handiwork including four quilts previously made by the ladies during Relief Society work sessions. During luncheon a vocal trio provided incidental music.

The event was under the general direction of Thelma Whitecar, assisted by capable counselors and committees. Joyce Bohne arranged for the entertainment for which Barbara Woolsey prepared and acted the skit centering about an phone. Angela Long rendered a violin number; Enid Starkweather was a Santa Claus who dispensed gifts; Lottie Doering related the story of Silent Night and sang it in German. Other music was by the vocal trio, comprising Maureen Malmberg, Betty McClellan, and Beatrice Folsom.

Through the encouragement and supervision of counselor Hazel McLeod and work director June Robertson, the country store was well stocked with salable goods that found ready acceptance. The eye-catching decorations were by Jane Hall, and the luncheon was in charge of Elaine Tuttle and Donna Renshaw. Other capable Relief society members presided over the store's various booths. Gross sales totaled about $600 of which a preliminary estimate indicated that net profit wiuld be between $350 and $400.

Sunnyvale Ward

Members Enjoy Yule Events

By Maxine L. Naylor

A Mistletoe Hop was held in Sunnyvale Ward Dec. 17, the decorations having been made by the MIA young people. The Relief Society held its annual Christmas luncheon and party also on the morning of the 17th, indicating how the ward is getting into the spirit of Christmas .

Santa Claus came to town Friday, Dec. 19 and a splendid prigram was furnished by the Primaries of the Sunnyvale and Sunnyvale Second Ward. Gifts were distributed, after which Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was shown.

A spiritual feast was enjoyed Sunday evening, with caroling, wonderful talks and prayers. Some 60 young people caroled from house to house the evening of Dec. 21, enjoying chili afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Naylor.

The two wards combined to present the musical, "Praise Ye The Lord" on Nov. 29, directed by Bonnie Farley, assisted by Callie Kelly, with Leila Hiner playing the organ. It was an excellent performance.

This past month has seen much progress on the new chapel, which should soon be in use. . . A seminary group has been started this year, with Bishop Louis Ward as instructor. . . The Relief Society, trying an original idea to make money, is selling a whole wheat bisquick product called "Wheatquik." It has grown from distribution of a few paper sackfuls to distribution of half-gallon cartons on a stake-wide basis. The Relief Society recommends the product for quick and delicious meals.

New Priesthood ordinations include: Stephen Douglas Lowe, Sidney Harry Parrish, George William Varner and Wesley V. Warfield, to deacon; Alfred Earl Holman and Duane Allen Machtig, to teacher, and Kenneth Watson Hart and Lawrence C. Connour, to priest.

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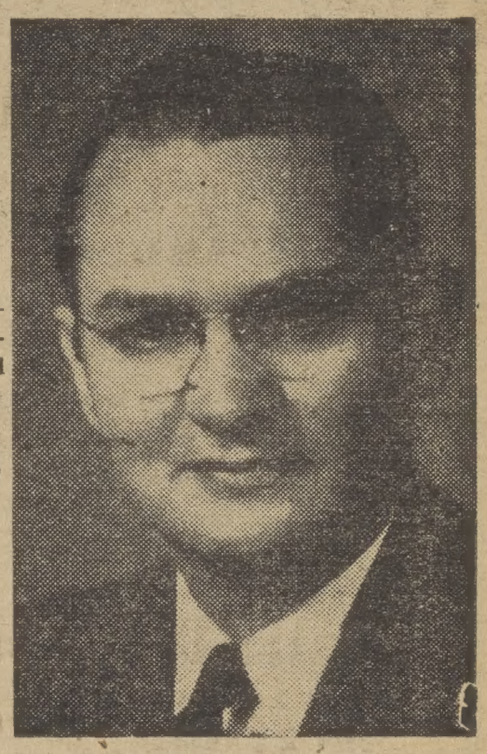

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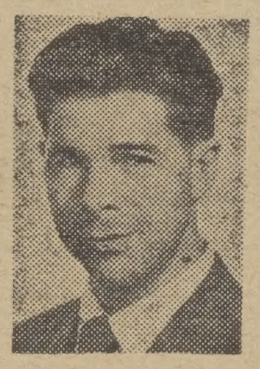

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REHEARSING for the Gold and Green Ball, six Mia Maids prepare a dance for the floor show. They are, from left, Sue Woolley, Judy Marshall, Lynn Enger, Judy Alsop, Sara Taylor and Linda Sanders. The dance, to the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," was created and directed by Linda Sanders.

Redwood City Ward

2 Presentations During Month

Highlighting a busy month at the Redwood City ward MIA were two presentations, "Praise Ye the Lord," and the annual Gold and Green Ball.

Just one young lady was presented this year at the Gold and Green Ball, but Sandy Thomas was pretty enough for a dozen. The floor show, presented by the Mia Maids, consisted of a dance number by Sue Woolley, Judy Marshall, Lynn Enger, Judy Alsop, Sara Taylor and Linda Sanders, and a ballet number by Linda Sanders. Music was by Wally Green's orchestra.

"Praise Ye the Lord," a voice pageant taking the place of the annual roadshow of hectic memory, was narrated by Donald Snowden. Soloists were Alan Cassell, Dyke Kramer, Colleen Rock and Marcile Sorenson.

The voice choir consisted of Judy Alsop, Winnie Varney, Ethel Newman, Terrie Voyce, Norma Hohl, Lynn Enger, Frances Judd, Malene Walkup, Alan Cassell, Linda Sanders, Wayne Bodily, Jim Jones, Rubina Rivers, Barbara Wise, LeRoy Cluff, Darrell Martin, Sandy Thomas, Marilyn Moore, Gay Williams, Phil Bowman, Judy Marshall and Sara Taylor.

The choir was composed of LaVon Sanders, Sarah Green, Eveline Cassell, Jo Ann Kramer, Anona Witt, Dorothy Bushnell, Rosalie Nielson, Ruth Terranova, Julie Carr, Marie Meier, Pearl Wilson, Colleen Rock, Pat Williams, Ida Osterloh, Lewis Osterloh, Harold Suhlsen, Bob Enger, John Wise, Eldro Snowden, George Rose, Carl Wlcox, Dyke Kramer and Wayne Paul.

Drama director Edward Stokes was in charge of the presentation, music directed by Barbara Wallace, speech by Audrey Witwer and choir by NaDeane Clark. Samie Voyce was at the piano.

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Oakland Second

Bishop Urges Prompt Payment Of Obligations For New Center

By Janeth Doxey

BISHOP'S MESSAGE: We have now begun to use our new building on Temple Hill and can more fully appreciate the results of our contributions which have made this beautiful and useful building possible. However, the building cannot be dedicated until it is paid for.

To the members of the Oakland Second Ward the day has passed when we expected that our fair share of the money for the erection of this building would have been collected and turned in. We have only realized 60 per cent of our goal.

Eighteen months ago we started our fund drive. At that time we calculated that if each family in the ward would pledge 2 cents out of each dollar of take-home pay, for one year, that we could more than complete our assessment. Most of you did this, and many of you will be blessed for having completed your pledge. We congratulate you who have come through with 100 per cent.

As a ward, however, we have fallen short of our goal by about 40 per cent. Is this because the people of the Oakland Second Ward are less anxious to see the Lord's work progress than we expected? Is this too high a price to pay for the spiritual welfare of our children and grandchildren? Would our pioneer fathers have failed under the same circumstances? I think our answers would be no to all of these questions. Therefore, let's roll up our sleeves and finish our job as soon as possible.

A suggestion:

Each time you return from shopping empty the small change from your coin purse into a piggy-bank. At the end of the month add the amount thus saved to your building fund contribution. You will be surprised at how much it will help.

May the Lord's blessings be with you in all of your righteous endeavors throughout the New Year.

Bishop Glen C. Rounds

At this time of the year let us remember the full-time missionaries from our ward who are in the mission field:

Danny Edwards, Box 651, Gallup, New Mexico.

Eugene Kaeck, Rushville, Indianna.

Joseph Fernelius, Victoriagatan 32, Gotenborg, Sweden.

We are proud to announce that our ward teachers averaged 90 per cent in ward teaching through 1958. The bishop has urged the wives to support and encourage their husbands in this ward teaching work. The following is a report from one ward teacher.

"To me ward teaching means keeping in close contact with the members you are entrusted with so that you may know if they need assistance of any kind. It means seeing that transportation is provided for those unable to provide it for themselves. Also, it means being available when people desire to be administered to.

I think it is important to teach the gospel. On my first assignment as a junior ward teacher, my companion was the bishop. We visited with our members but sel-

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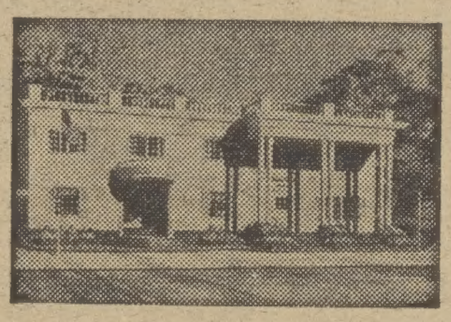

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Alameda Ward

Judith Eliason Wins Honor In DAR Contest

By Gaylene Vincent

Judith Eliason, daughter of Dr. and Sister Charles A. Eliason of Alameda Ward, was selected by students and faculty at Encinal High School as the D A R Good Citizen, sponsored by the Copa de Ora Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The honor was based upon her dependability, leadership, and patriotism. She will participate in the district finals and if successful will move on to state and possibly national competition.

Numerous Christmas parties filled the December calendar. Our ward Christmas party Dec. 19 provided an evening of holiday fun with refreshments, Santa Claus, and a program.

The Elders' Quorum party was in the form of a pot-luck dinner Dec. 12. A program and dancing were also enjoyed by about 40 people.

The Relief Society monthly work day Dec 9 featured Christmas ideas and novelties, also a luncheon with tables decorated in a holiday motif. Their Christmas party Dec. 23 was a combination program and luncheon for all the women of the ward.

The M I A presented "Praise Ye the Lord" Tuesday, Dec. 16. A combination music-drama-speech and dance production made it a big undertaking. It was a fine inspirational, seasonal program.

Theresa Rizzari is engaged to Jerry Moore of Idaho Falls. Jerry was released from the Northern California Mission and is now attending Ricks College. Plans are for a June wedding in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Don and Meda Hughes spent Thanksgiving week with their daughter, Elaine Parry and family, in Nampa, Idaho.

Delora Pugh was honored at a baby shower given at Mildred Fralicks Dec. 8 with an attendance of about 50 guests.

Zion is growing in Alameda! Born to Edward and Hazel Bushway Nov. 12 was their third son, David Thomas. Delora and Rollace Pugh have an 8 lb. 10½ oz. girl, Wendy Lee, born Nov. 15. A 7 lb. 10½ oz. boy, Kevin Ricky, was born to Arlene and Kenneth Staples Dec. 7. Ione and Charles Stamps became new parents Dec. 1 with the arrival of a 6 lb. 9 oz. girl, Lori. Also new parents are Helen and Dennis Kay with a 6 lb. 7½ oz. girl, Christine Marie, born Dec. 8.

Of interest to friends here is the news of an 8 lb. 4 oz. boy, Nathan Stuart, born on Nov. 19 to Helen and Norman Arrington, now living in Napa, Calif.

BISHOPS' MESSAGE: Many of our members have completed a happy and prosperous 1958. We hope that all we have experienced together will serve to strengthen our testimonies of the fact that obeying gospel principles in full will bring deep joy and genuine peace. We thank all who have served in the ward for a work well done.

Sincere appreciation should go to many who consistently help more than is required in connection with their specific assignments: Ward teachers who give extra follow-up services in the homes; teachers and advisors who take extra interest in individuals and their problems and provide the extras that endear them to the young people; members who attend to the needs of those who are alone and in need—physically and spiritually; auxiliary and priesthood leaders who overcome many handicaps without complaint in continuing the basic activities of the ward; those who pay contributions cheerfully and without second reminders; young women and young priesthood bearers who live and work up to the standards that make all admire the church.

Many others are worthy of praise for additional reasons. Certainly these fine people enlarge our understanding of the apostle's definition of "pure religion and undefiled."

PALO ALTO

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in February in the new Tri-Stake Church Center on Temple Hill in East Oakland.

Crawford Gates has also completed a third major composition entitled, "Sand in their Shoes," based on the famous trek of the Mormon Battalion to California in 1864 as part of the United States army. This will have its premiere on the campus of the Brigham Young University in June 1959 during graduation week and just prior to the opening of Leadership Week.

Elder Gates, 36, was born in San Francisco but reared in Palo Alto by LDS parents, attending San Jose State where he majored in music and received the B.A. degree. Since then a master's degree and a Ph.D. in music have been won, the latter at the Eastmond School of Music in New York.

My Testimony

By MABEL B. LIDDELL

"I would exhort you that ye deny not the power of God, for he worketh by power according to the faith of the children of men, the same today and tomorrow and forever."—Moroni 10-7.

Out of a near tragedy in the life of a little boy in Ogden, there came a miracle of faith to an entire ward a few years ago, proving again the truth of Moroni's words, written in 420 A.D.

The boy's mother, Sister Ronalda Wright had been busily canning fruit on a warm summer day and had reach the point of cleaning the kitchen. Some fruit juice had stained the table top, so while her 2½ year old son Wayne was out playing she sprinkled some lye on the stain to remove it.

Something happened to take her to another room for a moment—just long enough to allow Wayne to slip unnoticed into the kitchen. Approaching the table he placed his small hands on the sugary looking mixture just as a gust of wind from the open window blew some of the powdered lye into his eyes.

To make matters worse, he rubbed his eyes with lye covered fingers. His frantic mother tried to wash his eyes out with water, a procedure she later learned was wrong, for it only intensified the harm. By this time he was going into shock and looked almost unconscious in her arms She lifted his eyelids and saw that his eyes were covered with a sticky substance. They looked dreadful.

A KINDLY NEIGHBOR ran around the corner to get help from some Latter Day Saint men who were building the new 19th Ward. The architect of the structure, Elder Castle Murphy came to administer to the stricken child. By the power of the Priesthood which he held, he blessed the little boy promising him **that he would not lose his sight.**

Wayne was then taken to a doctor who cleaned and treated the eyes but he expressed serious doubt that the child would ever see again. A bandage was applied that was not to be removed for two weeks

During this trial of waiting, many prayers were offered for the child by the entire ward. One morning, just before the Relief Society meeting, a number of sisters knelt in earnest prayer for Wayne's recovery. A kindly Sister Gray offered the prayer on the occasion and after Relief Society was over she went to the home to cheer Sister Wright. She informed her that after their special prayer that morning a voice had spoken to her giving assurance that the child would be all right.

WHEN THE TWO WEEKS were over, the bandages were removed and Wayne could see, not perfectly yet — there was still scar tissue evident, but he could see. Several weeks later when the eyes were given final examination, the scar tissue had disappeared and vision was pronounced perfect. The doctor was astonished at this modern miracle

About twenty years later, in 1946, when Wayne traveled to Hawaii to serve a Mission, he had the honor to serve under Elder Castle Murphy, then president of the Hawaiian Mission. Brother and Sister Charles Wright, beloved workers in San Francisco Ward have preserved a precious letter received from Elder Murphy in regard to their son's mission. In part it reads as follows:

"You say you have not forgotten the blessing which came to your fine son when he was quite young. I have acknowledged many times my gratitude to Father for answering our petition in his behalf on that occasion. That was truly one of the highlights of my ministry.

"You'll never know te joy that filled my heart when E. Wayne arrived in this mission and tintroduced himself to me Be assured that he is all you expected him to be. Never have I found a missionary more humble or more effient. His testimony rings true and will, I know, find lodgement in many honest hearts."

Redwood City Ward

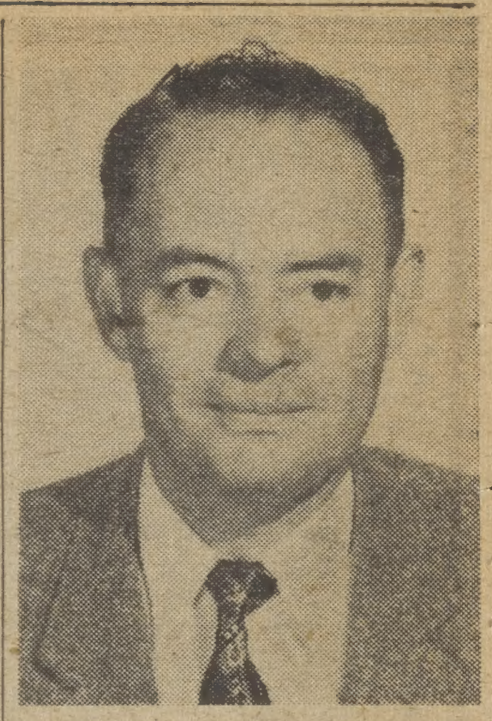
Robert Youman Named To Board

Members of the Second Elders Quorum of San Mateo stake are listening more attentively to their teacher these days. Robert B. Youman always was popular and capable, but now the Elders of Redwood City ward realize he is also important. Youman recently as appointed a member of the Redwood City Planning Commission.

Youman, 38, was born in Seattle, where he lived until the Army took him to the Bay Area during World War II. After serving in Italy with the 34th Infantry Division, the famous Red Bull Division whose motto was "To the Last Man," he returned to the Bay area where, in 1945, he married Barbara Taylor of San Carlos. She was a Mormon, and, five years later, Youman also became one. The couple has one child, Ronald, 1.

Youman is a civil engineer, in the offices of Wilsey and Ham Consulting Engineers of Millbrae. His formal education stopped at high school, and he learned engineering the hard way, by correspondence courses, first through the International Correspondence School and later by extension courses from the University of California.

For several years Bob Youman has been the popular teacher of the priesthood lesson to the **Redwood** City Elders, who now realize how good he has been all along.



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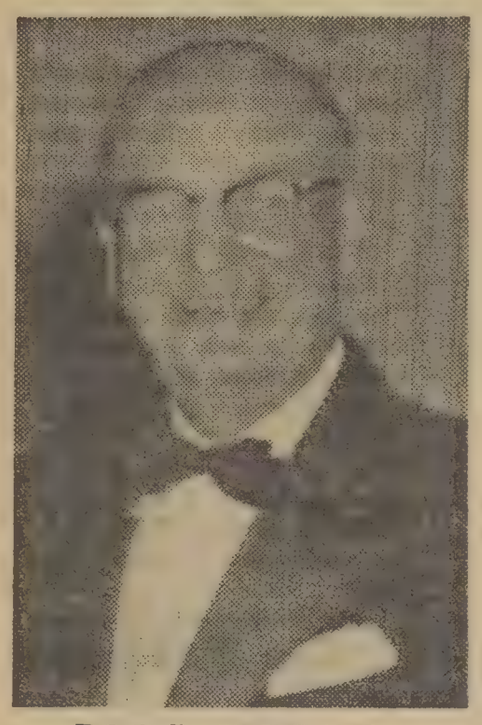

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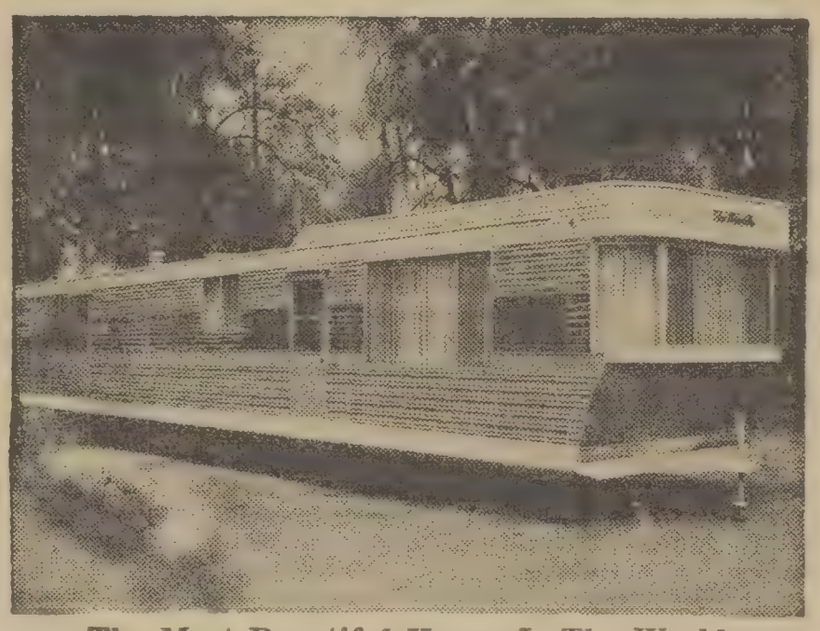

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S. M. Stake Tops 100 Per Cent In 'Friend' Drive

By Gay Taylor

In its first year of existence, San Mateo stake qualified as an "Orchid Stake" in the placement of the Primary magazine, the Children's Friend.

To qualify, it was necessary to have as many subscriptions as there were families in the stake with children of Primary age. "But I couldn't stop them," says Arlene Jones, Stake Primary President. "Those girls were wonderful. They got going and didn't want to stop."

Before the drive closed, not only the total for the stake was reached, but every ward within the stake made 100 per cent. And just for good measure, 85 subscriptions were obtained in excess of 100 per cent. To do this, the magazine was placed in non-Mormon homes, in doctors' and dentists' offices, and in libraries.

"We consider the magazine a missionary," Arlene Jones says.

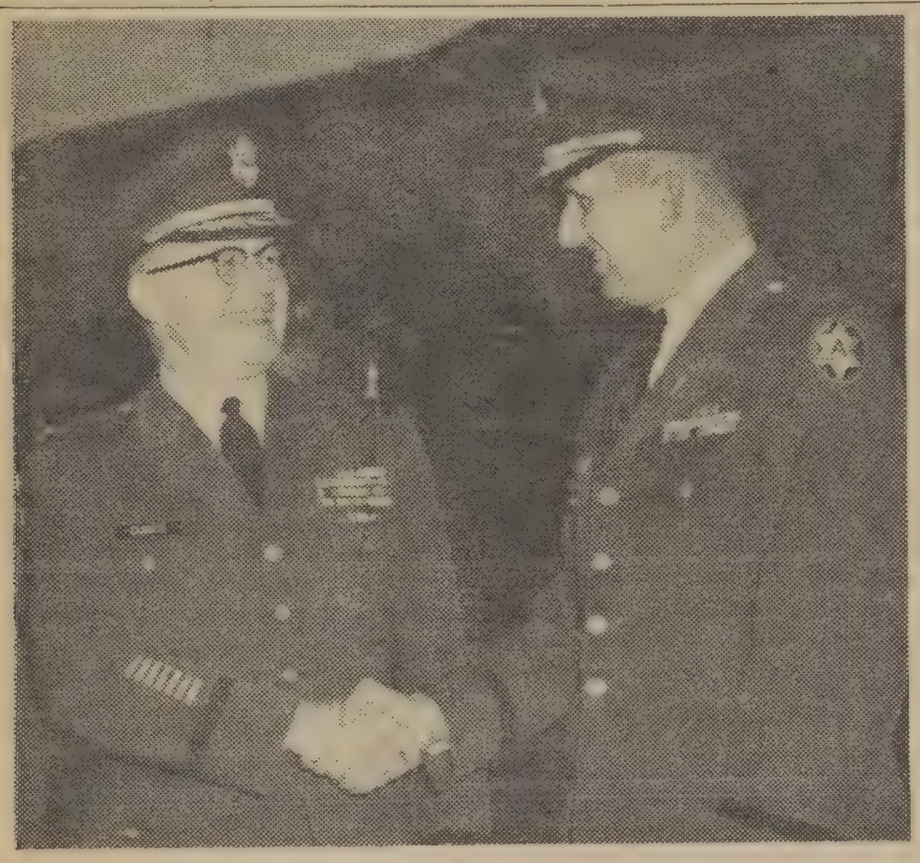
While everybody worked for the record, credit is particularly due Elaine Pendleton of San Carlos ward, who is Stake Representative for the magazine. "I merely provoked it," she protests. "The Primary teachers did the work."

Provoke she did. One teacher reported, "We've got a new Friend representative, and I eat and sleep with that girl."

Preparations for the subscription drive began in September, when Elaine Pendleton set up a special class for the Primary teachers, giving them procedure and materials for the campaign. This was to be a personal-contact endeavor—no telephone calls. Each teacher had a list of names to call upon.

When they ran out of LDS homes, some of the teachers contacted non-Mormons, neighbors, the parents of non-Mormon children who came to primary. One teacher, enthusiastic about the magazine, went door to door one afternoon, and was not turned down one single time.

The campaign was begun with a goal of 100 per cent. Nothing else would do. "But why stop there?" Arlene Jones says. "Next year, why not double it?"



CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes are extended to Col. Theodore Curtis, Jr., left by Col. Frank G. Ratliff, commanding officer, Presidio of San Francisco. The occasion was the retirement of Col. Curtis, a Mormon chaplain, at retreat parade at the Presidio.

San Francisco Stake

Lt. Col. Curtis Is Retiring As Chaplain In SF

A distinguished Latter-day Saint Army chaplain, one of the select few to be awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action, was retired recently in ceremonies at the Presidio of San Francisco

Lt. Col. Theodore E. Curtis, Jr., who has been post chaplain at the Presidio since August, 1957, was retired with the rank of full colonel, after completing more than 30 years of active and reserve service.

A native of Salt Lake City, he was bishop of the Forest Dale Ward of the Church before entering the service.

He came to the Presidio from an assignment as brigade chaplain of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade Headquarters in London. He was senior US Army chaplain in England. Before that he was deputy chaplain to the Seventh U. S. Army in Germany, assigned just before the famous "airlift" operation.

In the Far East he was base chaplain in Kobe, Japan, with World War II assignments as division artillery chaplain of the 25th Division, and ultimately as division chaplain to the 40th Infantry Division in the South Pacific.

Col. Curtis's wife, Violet, has accompanied him on several of his overseas assignments. A married son, a former Marine, is studying for a doctor's degree in psychology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. A daughter resides in Mesa, Ariz., with her husband, a former oral surgeon in the Navy.

Col. Curtis and his wife plan to travel for a time, then will reside temporarily in Berkeley.

SHARI EVANS, lovely and talented daughter of Jack and Elaine Evans, of Berkeley Second Ward, has been given the leading role in "Snow White," Berkeley High School Production which will be given in the Berkeley High School in February. Shari, a life member of the Berkeley High School Honor Society, and a member of the California Scholarship Federation, is well known for her musical and dramatic ability and frequently sings duets with her younger sister, Gayle. —Ed Pyle photo

San Carlos Ward

Christmas Family Night Conducted

Christmas Family Night held by San Carlos Ward December 19, with a dinner and an evening of enjoyment ushered in the week of Christmas with program and fun for everyone.

The Harold McNeil family has been added upon in the person of little Donald McNeil, born November 16 in San Francisco, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces.

San Carlos ward chorister is now Alta Johnson. Dolores Merrill has been serving in this capacity while Mrs. Johnson was serving as a stake missionary. This calling took her from the post over two years ago.

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Berkeley Second Ward

Lloyd's Fiftieth Anniversary Brings Old Friends Together

By Vaunee T. Larson

The Golden Wedding anniversary reception of Norman and Beatrice Lloyd was a joyous occasion, bringing together many of their friends who know and love them. Beatrice Jones was born Feb. 11, 1887, Kaysville, Utah, daughter of Seth C. and Annie Barnes Layton Jones. (Both their fathers were in the Mormon Batallion.) Christopher Layton was a pioneer of Utah and Arizona, the father of one of the largest families in the Church. Nathaniel Vary Jones spent nine years in the missionary field, opening the mission in South Africa. He died at 39.

Norman Lea Lloyd was born in Wellsville, Utah ,Aug. 28, 1883, son of Elizabeth Lea and Thomas W. Lloyd, whose mother, Susan Stone, was a member of the Handcart Company.

Norman and Beatrice met at a students' dancing party, the day before Thanksgiving, 1907. Norman was a student at B.Y.C. at Logan, from which he graduated. Beatrice received her teaching degree from the University of Utah. They were married Dec. 16, 1908, in the Salt Lake Temple by John R. Windor. They went into the mercantile business in Marion, Utah. Later they moved to Salt Lake City where their children were born and educated, all of whom hold college degrees. Layton lives in Berkeley, Seth in El Cajon, Weston in North Hollywood, and Anna Lea Spencer in Walnut Creek. All of the children were present at the reception including eight of the 13 grandchildren.

PICTURES of Brother and Sister Lloyd taken at time of their wedding.

The reception was held in the Berkeley Ward Chapel with over 200 guests present, coming from Idaho, Utah and various places in California. Sister Lloyd wore an ivory and gold brocade sheath and eton jacket, three-quarter sleeves. Gold and ivory orchids were pinned at the neckline. The fireplace was banked in gold magnolia leaves with tall white tapers. The grand piano held a golden bowl with fifty yellow roses, a gift from the grandchildren. The guests were served in the recreation hall which was banked with Christmas trees. Janice Gardner and Julia Summerhays played old-time favorites on his saw, and sang "Sunshine of Your Smile", a trio consisting of granddaughter La Dee Lloyd with Julia Summerhays and Patricia Gray sang, "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" and "Thine Alone". Anna Lea Spenser sang "Because" and the Lloyd sons sang, "I Love You Truly".

The Lloyds have always been active in the church. Sister Lloyd has been President of the Primary and of the YLMIA in Richards Ward in Salt Lake City, Secretary of the Sunday School in Kaysville, and Stake member of YLMIA in Summit Co. and Granite Stake. She says she enjoyed her work best when teaching in various organizations. She loves people, old and young, and loves to be with them. Brother Lloyd has been in Elders Quorum President in Richards Ward and a Berkeley Stake missionary. He has always been ready and willing to answer any call made of him. In his work he has borne his testimony to hundreds of men and women with whom he worked.

As they reflect on 50 years of married life, they think of one of the mottos of their life: "The beauty of the house is order. The blessing of the house is contentment. The glory of the house is hospitality. The crown of the house is Godliness." They have tried to keep their sense of humor, meet each event day by day. Then 50 years isn't too long. There has always been real affection in their hearts and the hope they cherish is for the love of their family and friends and faith in their Heavenly Father here and hereafter.

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Los Altos Ward

Talent Revealed In MIA Musical

Audience reaction and critics' comments after the MIA all-arts festival, "Praine Ye the Lord", in the Los Altos Ward November 22, abounded in superlative adjec- "Superb", and impressive" punctuated the comments of the homeward-bound members and their guests. One commentator expressed the view that so much ward talent rarely had been seen on a single occasion.

The vivid Biblical scenes, the music, dance specialities, and the re-enactment of the Prophet's martyrdom brought a large segment of the ward's membership into the cast of characters. Drama direction was by Gwen Riches and Gerry Marilyn Sharp; speech by Dean Dastrup; and lighting effects by Wayne Drysdale. Costumes were under the supervision of Ann Binford and Jane Hall; Yvonne Nelson directed make-up; and Smoot Horsley was in charge of properties.

Los Altos Ward

Junior Teacher Tells Of Thanks

A thoughtful observation on the Thanksgiving ward-teaching lesson, not in the manual, occurred in the Los Altos Ward when junior companion Jim Hill, 13 years old, gave the lesson at several homes. "Latter-day Saints," he declared, "have not only the usual Thanksgiving day in November, but also 12 additional ones each year, namely the 12 fast-and-testimony Sundays. Those days," he added, "are appropriate times to voice one's thankfulness publicly for blessings received—and many members do so on those occasions."

This observation, coming from a young teacher, reflects a maturity of thought creditable to his priesthood, the Church, and his home background.

We're all proud of and happy for Herbert Layton who passed the state bar examination and will become a full-fledged attorney on Jan. 7, when he is sworn in at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. Herbert received his A.B. degree from the U. of C. He followed this with three years at Hastings Law School Indicative of his humor is the novel way in which he disclosed his good news to his mother by phone, "I have sad news for you!" Mother concerned, "What is it?" Herb, "I have to go to work. I passed the state bar exam!" Herb and his lovely wife, Sharon, an elementary teacher for the past three and one-half years have always been active in church work.

For her eightieth birthday, a lovely reception in honor of Sister Emma Jenson was held at the home of her daughter, the Delton Bramwells' of Berkeley First. A similar affair at their son's home, the Ralph Jensons', honored Brother David Jenson two years ago on his eightieth birthday. Within the relatively short time they have been in the ward, since coming from Ogden, Utah, they have made many friends and have been active in ward affairs. Sister Jenson is known for her beautiful flowers and her generosity in sharing them and arranging them for the chapel, lounge and foyer. Brother Jenson, an Ogden attorney for many years and a former Utah State Legislature member, is a valuable member of the "Messenger" team who has been commended for his indispensable work in keeping the more than 11,000 names on the mailing list up-to-date. Brother and Sister Jenson are the parents of three children and eight grandchildren, seven of whom were present to greet the guests at the birthday reception.

The Messenger's Full-Page Ads

The Messenger takes considerable pride in being favored in this issue of the paper with three full-page advertisements by LDS business firms in the Bay Area. And with half-page ads in addition.

Of course we also are as proud as can be with the loyalty of all our faithful advertisers. Everyone knows that no paper could operate without such stalwarts behind them.

It's been a slow, uphill climb to the status of a paper with a circulation and a matured readership following sufficient to inspire confidence on the part of large businesses and big advertisements.

One man in San Leandro in particular has earned the honor of first breaking the full-page barrier for the Messanger.

The Messenger has been keenly aware and appreciated the fact that in the 1958 issue of the paper the Lauper-Duffin Furniture Company made its business bow by means of the first full-page advertisement to appear in this monthly Church organ.

Therefore it is a pleasure to name Marcel Lauper for top honors in this regard in the Messenger's list of advertising innovators. Marcel is the manager of the Lauper-Duffin company. Thanks goes also to his associate LaRue B. Duffin of San Leandro Ward.

We will not name at this time those who since Marcel's start have made their appearance in the Messenger in full-page ads. There are two others besides Lauper-Duffin with these large advertisements in this issue.

We commend all our advertisers to the saints in the six Bay Area stakes into whose over 11,000 homes the Messenger goes by mail each month.

Greenbrae Ward Sponsors Dances

Greenbrae Ward is having the honor of sponsoring the Saturday night Stake dances. The whole stake is helping support these dances by attending.

Our beautiful 12 foot Christmas tree was donated by Sister Alta Stroecker,

We had the most gratifying group of baptismal candidates this month! Shelly Marie Morgan, Carol Elizabeth Pinnoch, Pauline Reid, Don Fredirck Zimmerman and his Father Fredrick Augustus Zimmerman. Sister Pauline Reid was baptised by her brother LeRoy Reid and Confirmed by her Father Eldon Reid. Brother Fred Zimmerman was ordained a deacon after his confirmation.

Our Relief society luncheon and work day, featured making Christmas tree and Christmas corsages for all the ladies. All our ladies should come out and participate and enjoy the wonderful lessons and fellowship.

Baby John Jordan Rasmussen was blessed by his Father Donald L. Rasmussen.

The nursery Toy Party for San Rafael and Greenbrae Wards netted $51 worth of toys. The party was by Sisters Boombs and Garrett.

Hayward Second

Babies Born To Ward Members

By Geraldine Montoya

To Brother and Sister Dean Marshall, a son was born November 22, at 5:05 p.m. Scott weighed in at 8 pounds and is the third boy for Brother and Sister Marshall.

Another family in our ward wish to announce the birth of a child. Brother and Sister Raymond Witzel had a daughter, Claudia, born to them December 8 at 3:16 a.m. Claudia is the fifth child for the Witzel's—third girl. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

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dom gave any organized lesson. At the close of the year a fine older brother said something I'll always remember. He said, "We have enjoyed your visiting us in our home, but we feel we've been slighted by your not teaching us more of the gospel." Therein lies a great deal of our responsibility. Our people expect it and respect us more if we fulfill this responsibility."

Bryce D. White

We wish to welcome into our ward Sister Lydia Mylin and Roy M. Harper. James Matthews and family have moved to Hayward.

Diane Poor gave birth to a baby girl, Connie Lyn, Tuesday, Dec 9.

Our Carnival and Bazaar Dec. 5 was a huge success. We raised more than $500.

Oakland Second Ward members or Dec. 13 enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Brother Ralph Jones. Brother La Maun Clark's bread was luscious. Brother Johnson, our program director, presented a skit by Ron Kelley, Audrey Darton, Coleen Baer, and Maryellen Ferera. Sister Elaine Romer sang beautifully. Brother Johnson's daughter Shauna, gave a reading on "Husbands."

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 16. Santa Claus was there to give the children gifts. The program was under the direction of Brother and Sister Shaw.

Sister Unita Taylor is our new Work Director in Relief Society. Sister Donna Haag is our new Era Director. Roy Nichols is our new Young Men's Secretary, Shirleen Janowski is our new sports director, and Sister Haws is our new Sunday School teacher. Thanks to those who have been released.

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Claremont Ward

Ailing Cheered By MIA Carolers

By Carolyn Farnworth

The young members of Claremont Ward M.I.A. had a taste of giving to others through song. The last meeting of 1958 was spent caroling to those less fortunate. To start the evening off, the carolers serenaded the patients in the halls of the Kings Daughters Home for the aged. Just to see the smiles on their faces and the stars in their eyes was thanks enough.

We made a stop at the home of Sel and Grace Millward who were taken completely by surprise by the music. Sister Millward has been hospitalized, but she is again about her duties and is feeling much better.

Bishop Wood and Sister Pearl Rogers also enjoyed the caroling, especially Sister Rogers who is confined at home. The evening was brought to a close and each one felt that he or she had truly been touched by the true spirit of Christmas.

The Sunday evening services December 14, under the direction of Glen Farnworth, brought to a close the association and joint meetings of Claremont and Oakland First Wards. The two wards met together for the service and both choirs combined to furnish the musical numbers. Bishops Hughes and Wood both expressed appreciation to members for the harmony between the ward organizations. Claremont Ward desires to wish Oakland First Ward well in their new home and hope that the two wards will always have good feelings toward each other.

STATISTICS

A former member of our ward passed away this month, Sister May Maud Reid.

A baby girl Clair Canham was born to Ward and Terry Foreman, November 8, 1958 weighing 7 lbs.

A son born to Bob and Svea Lowe November 17, 1958 was named John Robert Lowe and he weighed in at 7 lbs. and 4 ozs.

Liahona Club Hears Phelps

The Liahona Club, meeting in their regular monthly dinner-discussion meetings at the Colonial Cafeteria in Oakland Dec. 15 heard an address by Rufus O Phelps of Oakland Third Ward on his recent experiences as a "Labor missionary" for the Church in Australia.

He reported that under the general supervision of Dykes Walton, building contractor from San Jose, California, 19 modern LDS chapels were erected in 19 cities of that island continent by the efforts of labor missionaries, assisted by the fulltime missionaries and local Saints. This extensive building program was well accomplished in the short time, as far as actual construction was concerned, from late in 1956 until September, 1958.

Clyde W. Lindsay of Centerville also served during this period as a labor missionary and as the treasurer of the project. Brother Phelps and Limdsay were accompanied by their wives on this mission. Both couples returned by ship via the Suez canal and Europe.

The Lindsays will not return but the Phelps have accepted a second call and will leave again for Australia by plane in early February.

The Liahona Club also heard reports on plans for the club's sponsorship of the December 28 rendition of the "Messiah" in the Oakland Auditorium, the second year of such sponsorship.

The club also appointed committees for the current drive to liquidate all outstanding obligations resting upon the Lahona Campsite. All construction work will be completed this 1959 season.

SOME OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MISSIONARIES who are making such a phenomenal record in conversions are shown at the Rodney A. McCoy home, 2723 Monserat Ave., Belmont, where they feasted on Thanksgiving Day. Some of the 24 missionaries present are from remote parts of the country; all of them had a gay time at the McCoy home eating, playing games and holding song-fests around the piano. "We are even now looking forward to another missionary gathering at our home next year on Thanksgiving," says Brother McCoy. Shown here, left to right, foreground, Lona Mogensen, Ogden, Utah, and Lila Carpenter, Evanston, Wyo.; first row, Ronald Gardner, Blackfoot, Idaho; Glen Mitchell, Murray, Utah; Drew Laudie, Prairie Village, Kansas; Kyle Probst, Midway, Utah; Richard Kearney, Salt Lake City; Charles Carper, Cove, Ore.; Second row, Randall Omonetti, Richmond, Ind.; William Southwell, Lyman, Neb.; Duane Jones, Holden, Utah; James Ellsworth, Salt Lake City; John Tuckett, Spanish Fork, Utah; third row, Floyd Monson, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho; Glen Goodsell, Arlington, Va.; Dallas Murdoch, Roberts, Idaho; Gerald Scott, Salt Lake City; Nels Davidson, Lyman, Wyo.; fourth row, Ronald King, Garland, Utah; Eugene Stringham, Kalispell, Mont.; Thomas L. Belliston, Salt Lake City; Jim Echard, Norfolk, Va.; George Waite, St. Johns, Ariz., and Glen Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.

LDS Couples' Success Story

Here's a good home-grown success story that needs telling.

Remember the year 1942? War with Japan going full blast; many business dislocations and failures; food and gasoline rationing?

Back in Detroit at that time were Don L. Kimball and his wife Shirley, now in the mobile home trailer business in El Cerrito in a big way. In that Michigan automobile metropolis, Don had been rather thoroughly stripped financially, in fact had lost his business on account of the war conditions.

For some years the Kimballs had alternated between Florida and California for their summer vacations, so in that year, 1942, they drove once more to California in their trailer, and eventually found themselves grounded in El Cerrito. They couldn't go farther on the search for a business opportunity on account of gasoline rationing.

So, charasteristically, Don did the next best thing and started a business venture right where he was. He noticed that the trailer court where they were grounded could get gasoline while an individual trailer owner couldn't. So he dickered for the lease of that Peek-a-Boo Auto Court, and won. Don's like that, good and sharp making deals.

How did Don and Shirley dare to risk their last bit of capital in such a business, all new to them? The answer to a Latter-day Saint is understandable, but may seem odd to others. They studied the business and it seemed promising. Then they went ahead after pledging that if they prospered in the new venture they would thenceforward pay an honest tithe all their lives.

They prospered. But first let us say that Don and Shirley have kept that pledge with the result that lately they have been reported to be among the most faithful of the larger business firms owned by members of the Church.

Don's holdings at present in El Cerrito include two thriving sales lots on San Pablo Avenue for the most elaborate of all the nation's "mobile homes." In addition they own a class one Trailer Park and are now overseeing construction of a still larger Mobile Home Trailer Park on San Pablo in the City of San Pablo.

Recently Don and Shirley entertained at their beautiful new home in the hill section of El Cerrito their friends of the Church and their family at a time when their relative Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of Twelve could attend.

This is our success story for the month of January. If you'll take time to look at the full-page ad of the Kimballs in this issue of the Messanger you'll see more of this story told in pictures.

Eugene E. Bain, Balboa First, Dies

Eugene E. Bain, long time member of the Balboa First Ward of the San Francisco Stake and father of Elder Robert E. Bain of the North Central States Mission, passed away Nov. 25 in San Francisco.

Brother Bain is survived by his wife, Marvel, and three children, the missionary, Elder Robert Bain, Steven Bain, a student at Brigham Young University.

Funeral services were held Dec. 1, in the Sunset Ward Chapel with Bishop Willard B. Barton conducting. The speakers were Steven Winters, patriarch of the San Francisco Stake, and George A. Simister, president of the High Priest Quorum of the San Francisco Stake. Music was furnished by William D. Hendershot, Ronald Ankeram, Gayle Murray, and Dorothy Griffith. Interment services were held at the grave site in the Green Lawn Memorial Park.

Feeling that his father would want him to stay in the mission field, Robert did not return home for the funeral. To thoroughly explain Robert's position, Bishop Barton read a statement from him.

Eugene E. Bain was born in San Diego in Nov. 30, 1913. He spent most of his life in Salt Lake City. After his marriage in 1935, he moved to San Francisco where he worked as a printer for Schwabacher-Frey Company and Security Printing.

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ward four years ago. Previous to that time he served as second counselor to Bishop William Stoker of San Mateo Ward, making a total of six continuous years in a bishopric. Elmo has filled many positions in the Church, has been MIA superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and is presently adviser to the Deacons Quorum.

In 1956 Elmo was president of the Golden Gate Chapter of Aggie Alumni, having graduated from USAC at Logan (now known as Utah State University) where he, along with his twin brother Ivan (who is a member of San Francisco Stake) were prominent in football and boxing. Following graduation he attended George Washington University, during which time he married Florence Clegg of Tooele, whom he had known at the USAC. They moved to New York, Elmo served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the war, and afterwards worked for Time, Inc. However, they desired to make a permanent home in the West and thus they moved to the Peninsula, where Elmo entered the insurance business.

When President Stoker released Elmo from the bishopric in September he paid great tribute to his former counselor when he said that in all his experience working and associating with Elmo he had never heard him make an unkind or derogatory statement about any one of his fellowmen. All who know Elmo, know this to be true; and while we still enjoy his association here on the Peninsula, we also know that wherever he makes his home in the East Bay, that ward or stake will be better and happier for having the Smith family as members.

SOWING SEEDS

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mas party at the home of Primary President Faye Cahoon December 17. Christmas carols and games were organized by Lorraine Simons. Sisters Lela Reid, Norman Franks and Faye Cahoon were in charge of refreshments which were served via an amusing menu.

On Saturday December 6 and Fast Sunday December 7 the following children were baptized and confirmed: Ruth, Moses and Paulette Kakaewe, Randall Carling, Danny Hoover, Jone Verna MacGregor and Dennis Franks. Barbara Carling was blessed. The following people were sustained, Jerry Zenger as Senior Aaronic Priesthood general secretary: David Cummings as quorum advisor for Aaronic Priesthood Teachers; Don Biery, Sunday School Teacher; Wilbur Ranney, Sunday School Teacher; Earline Clement and Marie Zenger, Mutual Teachers; Gale Holladay, MIA Superintendent; Allen Owen, Scoutmaster; and Tom Johnson, Explorer Advisor. Willy Sorenson is the new garment representative.

Everyone in Livermore Ward is very happy that Della McLaughlin and Louann Finch are on the road to recovery from their serious illnesses.

Los Altos Ward

Riches Advises Los Altos C of C

Los Altos business men and planning authorities might advantageously modify some of their objectives, L. Victor Riches, a seventy of the Los Altos Ward declared in a recent address to a Chamber of Commerce audience. From a broad background of experience as an economist of the Stanford Research Institute, he said that population-growth factors require reappraisals of certain policies that have prevailed in the past but may become outmoded.

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n Francisco Ward

eaders Called To Ward Posts

By Echo May

Big upheaval in San Francisco ard during the past month. rst: Sunday School Superintendent Dave Chaffee and counselors Myron Frazier and Doyle Hansen, were released with a vote of thanks. Appointed as the new superintendency were Paul B. Murdock, Joseph Heath, and Don Perkins, with Maureen Nillson remaining as secretary.

Second: The Ward Primary Presidency, so long headed by Lillie Daily, who has just received her ten year pin, was released with a vote of thanks. Louise McDonald, former Second Counselor, was sustained as the new Primary President. Phyllis Goodrich continued as first counselor along with Amy Doyle as secretary. Jeanne Bjerke was sustained as new second counselor.

Third: The MIA Superintendent, Curg Johnson, with his Assistants, David Jepperson and Kieth Holz, were released and Dave Chaffee became head of the San Francisco Ward MIA with Doyle Hansen as his age group assistant. Don Sheldon remained as secretary.

Fourth: Curg Johnson and his wife, Darlene, who was MIA Gleaner Leader, now released, will e stake board MIA activity assistants and our love goes with them.

Michael Daily is the new secretary of the Deacons' Quorum with Johnny Morse, first Counselor and Nathaniel Nawahine, second counselor.

Olive Morse, of the Stake Primary Board, underwent a major operation at Permanente Foundation Hospital, on Geary, during December. We all hope she will return to activity and health.

The swimming at Hamilton Pool, Steiner and Geary, has been taking on new life. The MIA has the six to seven hour for ten cents each swimmer. Whatever MIA you belong with, you are invited, on Monday evening at six o'clock, to come with a suit (women with a cap also) and have a refreshing swim.

Theodore (Ted) Lengel, from Shaver Town, Pennsylvania, and Mello Dee Stewart, from Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 25, in the Los Angeles Temple, were married, with President Bowring of the Temple officiating. Mrs. Esther Dobbins came from Grants Pass with her other daughter, Nancy Ann, for the ceremony, to act as Matron of Honor for her daughter, Mello Dee. The wedding certificate was signed by Arthur Cagle, uncle of the bride, San Mateo, and her cousin, Ralph Mac Donald, Fresno. An Open House was given the young couple on their return from Los Angeles, by the former roommates of Mello Dee at 4025 Cabrillo Nov. 26. The newlyweds returned with Mrs. Dobbins and Nancy Ann to Grants Pass, where another reception was held for them.

Los Altos Ward

Elder Woodbury New Counselor

By Dallas S. Burch

Los Altos Ward members at sacrament meeting, December 14, sustained Richard C. Woodbury second counselor to bishop Gerald W. Sharp, thereby succeeding Nyal McMullin who has now left the Los Altos area to accept a position in marketing research with a firm in Los Angeles. Announcement of the change in counselors was made by Stake president David B. Haight.

Dick Woodbury brings to the bishopric broad experience gained in missionary, teaching, and other Church activities. In commenting on the selection of his new counselor, Bishop Sharp paid tribute to Dick's ability and character, also citing his dependability in fulfilling previous assignments. Nyal McMullin expressed appreciation for the opportunity he had had, as counselor, to serve the ward and mentioned that one of his responsibilities had been to collect data on the time spent by workers in auxiliary organizations. Commending such workers he stated that their efforts in the Los Altos Ward totaled many thousand man-hours annually. Nyal's wife, Betty, expressed her deep friendship for all ward members.

Dick Woodbury was born in Salt Lake City and is graduate of the University of Utah. During the period 1950-53 he served on a mission to Norway. In 1954 he married Patricia Anne Johnson in the Salt Lake Temple.

Moving to California, later in 1956, he and his wife made their home in Mountain View and became members of the Los Altos Ward where he has served as a teacher, secretary, and in other capacities. The couple have two children, Pamela, three years old, and David, six months. Richard is an electronics engineer, specializing in oscilloscope design.

San Lorenzo Second

Relief Society's Leader Honored

By Virginia Ringwood

The Relief Society of the San Lorenzo Second Ward held a farewell luncheon in honor of outgoing president Margaret Marchant; Clare Scheuller, first counselor; Florence Carlson, second counselor and Laura Rogers, secretary.

The ladies were presented a Christmas corsage and Sister Marchant also received a book.

New officers of the Relief Society include Donna Carter, president; June Ellenberg, first counselor; Melva Smith, second counselor; and Shirley Carlson, secretary.

A home-made candy sale, sponsored by the ward music committee began Dec. 20 and proceeds have been earmarked for the ward music fund to be used for the purchase of an organ and Baby Grand piano. The candy will be sold at various church functions and orders may be filled by contacting Melva Smith, ELgin 1-4578 or Marjorie Remington at ELgin 1-9445. John Vastine is chairman of the music fund committee.

Merritt Bodenhammer is new president of the Fifth Quorum of Elders, assisted by Gerald Gamblin as first counselor and James Tangren, secretary. Four members of the quorum are now in the Mission Field. They include Ed Brown who is on a Japanese mission in Korea; David and Robert Wimmer who are missionaries in West Germany and Allan Ream, son of President Milton Ream of the Hayward Stake, who is in the Western states.

Oakland Fourth Ward

Building Choir To Match Organ

By Vera Johnston

The Oakland Fourth ward has a new organ; and the choir will be enlarged to help match it! Ward leaders have asked that all who can support church authorities in efforts to include good music for our ward services and programs. To take advantage of the fine training they have received, those who have been singing in "The Messiah" are urged to come and be auditioned for the choir. Age limit for the choir is from 14 years. Members of the choir have given freely of their time and talents to bring excellent music to the ward through the holidays.

Donna Weir, director, offers thanks to these members and encourages them to keep active in the choir.

The Oakland Third ward MIA joined with the Fourth Ward for a Christmas program Dec. 15, just before the Third ward moved to their new chapel on Dec. 21.

New schedule for the Oakland Fourth ward is: Priesthood meetings, 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sacrament Services at 6 p.m. Special meetings, such as the ward council meeting for leaders and officers, Aaronic Priesthood under 21, on the first Sunday; the Senior Members leaders and advisors, on the second Sunday; Scout and Explorer leaders the third Sunday; and Ward Teaching Supervisors, the fourth Sunday; will be held at 8 a.m.

Three babies were blessed the last fast Sunday of this year: Kevin Clay Barton, Thomas Douglas De Weis and Pamela Rae Riley. Curtis R. Fullmer was confirmed a member by his father, Doyle Fullmer, district mission president.

BOOK OF MORMON

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on the topic "Modern Origin and Doctrinal Content of the Book of Mormon."

The first meeting, held last May, was attended by 325 people.

San Leandro Ward

Genealogy Committee Members Working On Concert Project

By Marilyn Nelson

San Leandro ward Genealogy committee members are working hard on the concert they have undertaken for Jan. 30, featuring Sister Donna Turner Smith and Brother Russell Heath. These two stars of the special program are excited about being first artists to perform in the new Tri-Stake Tabernacle.

The MIA Christmas party and program, Dec. 16, was climaxed with dancing and refreshments.

The ward Primary held their Christmas party Dec. 18. The Relief Society ladies also had a Christmas party, and the San Leandro Elders' Quorum had a steak dinner Dec. 12 at San Lorenzo ward. Mel Duke sang, a Hawaiian group played and sang, Helen Noble did some dance numbers and there was dancing afterward.

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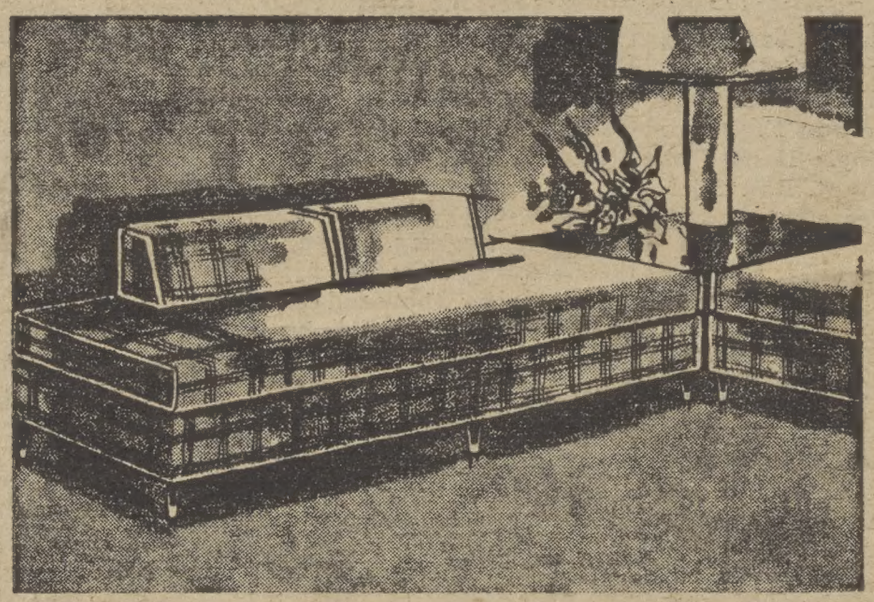

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